

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for presenting a plurality of search result records from a query comprising:
 - identifying an attribute, that was not used in the query, as shared by multiple search result records;
 - creating a category corresponding to a value of the identified attribute;
 - displaying the category; and
 - displaying a list of the search result records associated with the category with the display of the category.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein displaying the category further comprises:
 - displaying the category as a labeled tab.
3. The method of claim 1, wherein displaying the category further comprises:
 - displaying the category as a labeled button.
4. The method of claim 1, wherein a search result record having a value of null for the identified attribute is associated with the category.
5. The method of claim 1, wherein identifying an attribute further comprises:
 - determining a first set of defined values for a first attribute;
 - determining a second set of defined values for a second attribute; and

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classifying the first attribute and the second attribute as a single shared attribute if the first set of defined values is substantially the same as the second set of defined values.

6. The method of claim 1, wherein creating a category further comprises:
determining a first number of search result records corresponding to a first category;

determining a second number of search result records corresponding to a second category; and

combining the first category and the second category into a new category if the sum of the first number and the second number is less than a predetermined threshold.

7. The method of claim 6, wherein combining includes:

combining the first category and the second category into a new category if the sum of the first number and the second number are less than a third number of records in a third category.

8. A system for presenting a plurality of search result records from a query comprising:

means for identifying an attribute, that was not used in the query, as shared by multiple search result records;

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means for creating a category corresponding to a value of the identified attribute;

means for displaying the category; and

means for displaying a list of the search result records associated with the category with the display of the category.

9. The system of claim 8, wherein the means for displaying the category further comprises:

means for displaying the category as a labeled tab.

10. The system of claim 8, wherein the means for displaying the category further comprises:

means for displaying the category as a labeled button.

11. The system of claim 8, wherein a search result record having a value of null for the identified attribute is associated with the category.

12. The system of claim 8, wherein the means for identifying an attribute further comprises:

means for determining a first set of defined values for a first attribute;

means for determining a second set of defined values for a second attribute;

and

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means for classifying the first attribute and the second attribute as a single shared attribute if the first set of defined values is substantially the same as the second set of defined values.

13. The system of claim 8, wherein the means for creating a category further comprises:

means for determining a first number of search result records corresponding to a first category;

means for determining a second number of search result records corresponding to a second category; and

means for combining the first category and the second category into a new category if a sum of the first number and the second number is less than a predetermined threshold.

14. The method of claim 13, wherein the means for combining includes:

means for combining the first category and the second category into a new category if the sum of the first number and the second number are less than a third number of search result records in a third category.

15. A computer program product for presenting a plurality of search result records from a query comprising code for causing a processor to perform the steps of:

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identifying an attribute, that was not used in the query, as shared by multiple search result records;

creating a category corresponding to a value of the identified attribute;

displaying the category; and

displaying a list of the search result records associated with the category with the display of the category.

16. The computer program product of claim 15, wherein displaying the category further comprises:

displaying the category as a labeled tab.

17. The computer program product of claim 15, wherein displaying the category further comprises:

displaying the category as a labeled button.

18. The computer program product of claim 15, wherein identifying an attribute further comprises:

determining a first set of defined values for a first attribute;

determining a second set of defined values for a second attribute; and

classifying the first attribute and the second attribute as a single shared attribute if the first set of defined values is substantially the same as the second set of defined values.

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19. The computer program product of claim 15, wherein creating a category further comprises:

determining a first number of search result records corresponding to a first category;

determining a second number of search result records corresponding to a second category; and

combining the first category and the second category into a new category if the sum of the first number and the second number is less than a predetermined threshold.

20. The computer program product of claim 19, wherein combining includes:

combining the first category and the second category into a new category if the sum of the first number and the second number are less than a third number of records in a third category.

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